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Title: A METHOD AND SYSTEM TO FACILITATE PRE-ORDERING VIA AN ELECTRONIC COMMERCE FACILITY, AND AUTOMATICALLY TO FACILITATE SATISFYING OF A PRE-ORDER UPON LISTING OF AN APPROPRIATE OFFER VIA THE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE FACILITY

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph [0038] beginning at page 20 is amended as follows:

[0038] Figures 6B-6E show further examples of pre-order user interfaces that may be generated by the commerce facility 10 and presented to potential buyer in order to solicit pre-order attribute information. Specifically, Figure 6B illustrates an exemplary shipping address interface 100 that solicits shipping address information to be included within the pre-order attribute information from the potential buyer. Figure 6C illustrates an exemplary billing information interface 102 that advises the potential buyer whether or not credit card information for the relevant potential buyer is stored by the commerce facility 10. Figure 6D illustrates an exemplary credit card interface [[1 4]] 104 that solicits credit card information from the potential buyer so as to enable the commerce facility 10, as will be described in further detail below, automatically to perform a credit card authorization in the event that the pre-order can be satisfied by a subsequent offering via the commerce facility 10. Figure 6E illustrates an exemplary confirmation interface 106 that communicates confirmation of the pre-order attribute information to the potential buyer, and also includes a user-selectable confirmation indicia 108 that is selectable by the potential buyer to finally place the pre-order. It will be noted from Figure 6E that the confirmation interface 106, in addition to providing the pre-order price information presented by the potential buyer, also provides an estimated shipping and handling charge. In a further embodiment, tax information may also be provided within the confirmation interface 106.